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Sir:

Enclosed are three (3) sheets of replacement formal drawings (FIGS. 1, 2 and 4) for the patent application noted above. Figures 1, 2 and 4 have been amended to add reference number -- 100--. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the amendments to these figures. It is believed that the foregoing proposed amendments obviate the outstanding objections to the drawings. Entry of the replacement corrected drawings is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

- 1. AMENDMENT in response to Office Action of January 7, 2004.
- 2. LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON, along with three (3) replacement formal drawings (FIGS. 1, 2 and 4).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 501874.

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